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The Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
c/o City Clerk's Office  
City Hall, Room 395  
STOP 160

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR DISTRIBUTING THE X-26 TASER FOR FIELD USE

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, July 31, 2007, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for your approval.

Respectfully,

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DONNA BASULTO  
Acting Commission Executive Assistant

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c: Chief of Police

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

*Andrew M. Sefar*  
ANDREW M. SEFAR  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
7/26/07  
DATE

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL ACTION RELATIVE TO TASERS

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the Board approve and transmit this report to the City Council on the Department's proposal of distributing the X-26 TASER for field use.

**DISCUSSION**

Assistant Chief Sharon K. Papa, Director, Office of Support Services, requested that Planning and Research Division outline a strategy for the distribution of the 1,250 newly approved X-26 TASERs to field officers.

**BACKGROUND**

On June 2, 2006, Training Division (TD), Firearms and Tactics Section (FTS) was tasked with conducting a field test to determine the viability of the X-26 TASER. The research and recommendations, by FTS, was instrumental in the Board of Police Commissioners approving the purchase of 7,500 X-26 TASERs over the course of several fiscal years. The first allocation of 1,250 X-26 TASERs is awaiting release during Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The funds are to be drawn from the Unappropriated Balance, totaling 1.27 million dollars.

In coordination with FTS Subject Matter Experts, Training Group approved implementation of the following deployment strategy:

- A "train-the-trainer" program will be initiated by FTS, to certify field officers and detectives on the use of the new X-26 TASER. The FTS will be responsible for implementing, coordinating, and monitoring the X-26 TASER program.

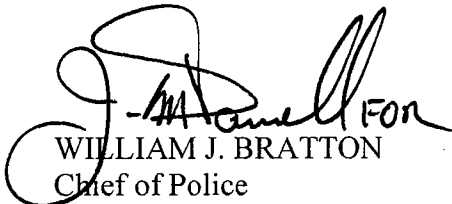
- After a satisfactory number of field officers in each Area have been sufficiently trained on its use, the X-26 TASER will be distributed to each geographic Area by FTS. Firearms and Tactics Section will monitor the use of the X-26 TASERS. The existing M-26 TASERS will be redistributed to personnel not yet assigned, and eventually replaced with the X-26 TASER as they are phased into service.
- Area commanding officers will be tasked with the distribution, assignment and monitor any X-26 TASERS issued to individual field officers, sergeants, and detectives who have been trained within their command. Each individual command is responsible for determining who, within their command, will receive the first of the X-26 TASERS. The same distribution process will apply to all future X-26 TASERS received by the Department.
- The intent of the program is to enable field officers to deploy the X-26 TASER as a dedicated, individual equipment item. The aforementioned strategy is the most effective, efficient, and fair method of distribution to officers in the field, ensuring the widest possible range of availability for the initial phase of release.

## CONCLUSION

The outlined course of action is the most effective and efficient distribution of the X-26 TASERS. Training Group will be the focal point for the ordering and distribution of the X-26 TASER and the monitoring of the effectiveness of the distribution strategy.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Captain Carol J. Aborn-Khoury, Commanding Officer, Planning and Research Division, at (213) 485-4111.

Respectfully,

  
WILLIAM J. BRATTON  
Chief of Police

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Approved  
Secretary

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